(*a*) whether they have received a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce, Alleppey, dated 7-11-1933, forwarding the report of Mr. N. Krishnan, Manager, Travancore Produce and Industrials, Ltd., Alleppey, complaining about the dangers that threaten our coir yarn mats and mattings and ropes industries by the practice of admixing fine sands in the fibre before spinning ; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have made any investigation into that matter and what action they have taken to avert this?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Since the Chamber reported that the practice had more or less stopped, no further action was deemed necessary.

Demonstration conducted by the Agricultural Department during the last five years.

32. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how much money has been spent every year during the last five years for demonstration purposes by the Agricultural Department ;

(*b*) what is the sort of demonstration made ;

(*c*) whose lands were selected for the purpose of such demonstration ;

(*d*) what is the purpose of conducting such demonstrations;

(*e*) which are the pakuthies and taluks wherein the lands so selected are situate ; and

(*f*) what is the result of such demonstration in each case and in each locality?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : (*a*) The amount spent by this department for conducting demonstration on ryots' lands [during the last 5 years] is shown below :—

Year.	Amount		
	Rs.	Chs.	C.
1105	5,064	14	1
1106	3,794	12	0
1107	2,525	13	2
1108	2,913	4	1
1109	3,284	20	5

(*b*) Improved methods of cultivating and manuring crops like cocoanut, paddy, ginger, sugarcane and tapioca were being demonstrated to the public.

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[Mr. K. Parameswaran Pillai.]

(c) Lands belonging to bonafide agriculturists interested in scientific agriculture were taken up for demonstration.

(d) The purpose of these demonstrations is to convince the ryots of the advantages of cultivating all kinds of crops on scientific lines.

(e) and (f) On an average about 250 demonstrations are being conducted by the department every year in different parts of the State and the results obtained so far are in most cases satisfactory. The preparation of a statement furnishing full details regarding all the demonstrations conducted during the last 5 years will involve a lot of time and labour without any corresponding advantage. Special mention is made of all the important demonstrations in the annual reports of the department. The member's attention is therefore drawn to these reports.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: With reference to the answer to part (c), may I know how many of such lands belong to Government officers?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: I claim notice.

Mr. E. P Varghese (*Nominated*): May I know whether demonstration is conducted in Shertalai taluk?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: Yes.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: മൂവാറ്റുപുഴ താലൂക്കിലും തൊടുപുഴ താലൂക്കിലും വല്ല പരീക്ഷണങ്ങളും നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: പല പരീക്ഷണങ്ങളും നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: പരീക്ഷണങ്ങൾ നടത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളത് ഏതെല്ലാം സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലാണെന്ന് പറയാമോ?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: I claim notice.

Acting Higher Grade Clerks in the Secretariat.

33. ***Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the names of acting Higher Grade clerks in the Secretariat including those in the waiting list at present (1-1-1935) and the respective dates of their entertainment in service;

(b) whether, when vacancies arise the principle that those persons in the waiting list who were entertained earlier should be preferred first, is followed in every case; and

(c) if not, the reason for the same?

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